



May 2025

First Edition



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The people of The United Methodist Church®




First United Methodist Church of Lockport

1000 S. Washington St., Lockport
815-838-1017 - www.lumclockport.org



† 10:00am in person
Worship Service



A message
from
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**Organist &
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Director**

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Roseanne Wilson
Fish Pantry

Bonnie Payette
Custodian

Bernadetta Kopinski
**Administrative
Assistant**

Office Hours:
Mon-Fri
8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
815-838-1017

A few days ago, when I was in the church office, I heard a group of voices from outside.

I went outside and saw a group of high school students from the local area who were passing the church building as they walked by. I waved **my hands and shouted at them, "Walking is wonderful! It's a beautiful day to be outside. I think your teachers made a good decision by letting you walk outside!"**

Thankfully the high school students waved back to me and said, "Thank you! This is our gym period." The students shook my hand as I reached out to them. I also waved to the teachers too. "Thank you! Thank you!" What a joy we shared! At that moment, these students were my kids and I wanted to thank the teachers.

In that one day, I heard 3-4 different groups of students walking past the church, and each time, I walked out to greet them. We shared our joys by exchanging warm sentences, shaking hands, and giving each other high fives.



Reflecting upon the high schoolers walking was a very eye-opening experience. We all depend on cars and even if we walk, the distance would be limited. As a group, the students can talk to each other and look around at the neighborhood, treating their time together as a time of relaxation and belonging to the community.

After they all left, I silently prayed that they may grow emotionally and physically healthy so that this society might be healthier through them.

GaHyung

Worship:



Sunday May 4 10:00am	Communion Sunday
Native American Ministries Sunday Special Guest Joseph Schranz	
Scriptures: Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
Love Message: Joanne Moan	
Sunday May 11 10:00am	Mother's Day
Scriptures: Acts 9:36-43	John 10:22-30
Sunday May 18 10:00am	
Scriptures: John 3:16-24	John 13:31-35
Sunday May 25 10:00am	
Scriptures: Acts 16:9-15	John 17:1-11
Love Message: Carolyn Brauch	



Sunday, May 4th at the 10:00am Service we will welcome Guest Speaker Joseph Schranz to preach.

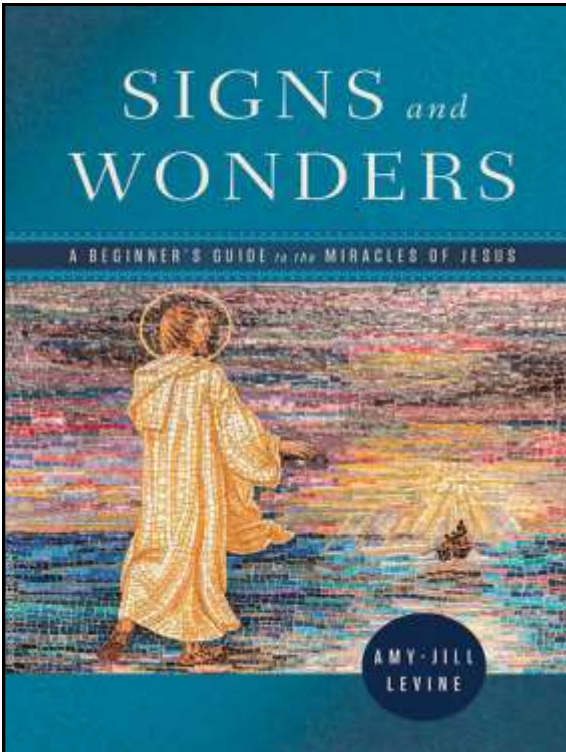


Monthly Newsletters and Upper Room are available in the Narthex.



Upper Room Zoom PRAYER GROUP on Wednesday Mornings at 9:00 am
 We are offering a prayer group on Zoom weekday mornings on Wednesday at 9:00 am. If you are interested in this, please contact the office at 815-838-1017.

Faith Development



Bible Study Group

Tuesday,

May 6th, 20th, 27th & June 3rd from
10:00am to 11:15am.

Please join us on this

Explore the miracles of Jesus in *Signs and Wonders* with Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament studies and Bible study author.

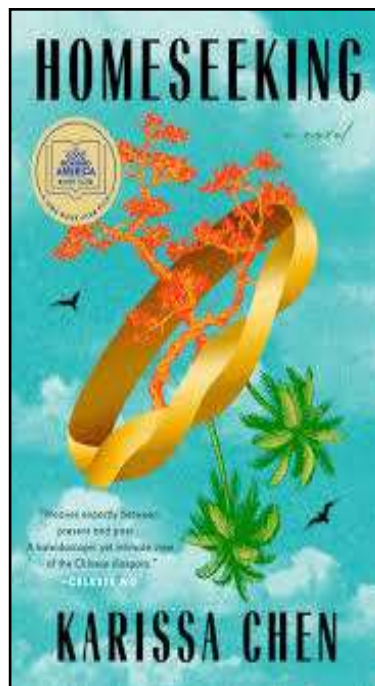
Everyone is welcome!



We welcome all children to Sunday School on the last Sunday of the month at 10:00am. Next one is Sunday, May 25th.



- May 1st Worship Team Meeting
- May 4th Worship - Communion Sunday
- May 10th Lunch Bunch/ Bingo
- May 11th Worship - **Mother's Day**
- May 21st Church Council Meeting
- May 25th Worship, Coffee Hour and Sunday School



Zoom Book Club

We will meet every other month on a Thursday, in the evening at 7:00pm.

We will be reading

Homeseeking

by Karissa Chen

Next Zoom Book Club will meet Thursday,

May 29th at 7:00pm

Faith in Action



Know Someone Who is Graduating? We would like to continue our tradition of celebrating all graduates by recognizing them in next month's newsletter. We would like to honor graduates from grade school, high school, college, tech school, etc. Please send us the graduate's name, school, degree earned, honors received, and relationship to graduate. **Please email us by May 20th at 1umclockport@ameritech.net** Graduation Sunday will be held Sunday, June 1st.

FISH Pantry Donation List

The following items are needed

1st Sunday of Every Month

- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Cereal
- Ramen noodles
- Bath Bar Soap
- Canned fruit
- Hamburger Helper
- Mayonnaise
- Any Monetary donations are also Welcomed!



Circle of Love

Job loss, illness, injury. You name it. There are many reasons why people cannot afford to supply all their own needs; but then again, we were never made to be totally self-sufficient. If we all could do everything for ourselves, then of what importance would relationships be? Remember life is unfair but God is good. Thank you to everyone who supports this important ministry. Your time, donations, and prayers are priceless. Circle of Love provides items not provided by state assistance, such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, and incontinent products.



Suicide Hotline available
 For those contemplating suicide or who just desperately need someone with whom to talk. It is confidential and free. Just call 988. The service has also been expanded for Spanish-speaking persons and deaf or hard-of-hearing persons, including those who use American Sign Language.

WE WANT YOUR TORN, WORN, STAINED CLOTHING!



As you begin your spring cleaning keep in mind the two green bins in the parking lot. USAgain – a leader in the textile recycling industry – is a for-profit company with a mission of diverting textiles from landfills. We collect clothes, shoes and linens you would not give to clothing drives because they are worn, torn or stained. Simply place them in a plastic bag and drop the bag in the bin. Items are then sent to graders and wholesalers who recycle them into new products.

Conference



sacred soul care 2.0



United Women in Faith
Lake South District

He refreshes my Soul. PSALM 23:3

A SIX WEEK VIRTUAL PRAYER AND MEDITATION GATHERING

BEGINNING

MAY 1, 2025 | 7 PM

www.uwfaithlakesouth.org

Lake South District Monthly Go Team Trainings

Saturday, May 17th

Join us Online Via Zoom on the First Saturday of the month.

PASTORS ONLY 9 – 10 a.m.

EVERYONE - 10:30a.m. – noon

Zoom link Meeting ID: 964 1732
9893 Passcode: 081053




Grace is Sufficient



186th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Monday, June 9 - Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center
1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg Ill.




JOY CAMP
United Methodist Christian Camp

JUNE 22 - 28

Located at Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, IL

JOY Camp is a week long overnight camp focused on delivering the message of God's love through fun, fellowship, nature, scripture, and worship. All are welcome, regardless of where you are in your journey of faith. Serving youth from ages 5th grade to high school seniors.



MAY
ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

In May, we honor our Asian American and Pacific Islander brothers and sisters. We recognize the contributions they have made in our society. Not only have our Asian American and Pacific Islander brothers and sisters made life better and richer in the United States, but also they have enriched the quality of life in The United Methodist Church, sharing with us their cultural values of strong family relationships and a communal approach to living.



To Our Friends @ 4-19-25
 First United Methodist Church

Thank You So Much
 for the wonderful donation
 of \$ 690⁰⁰ to the Lockport
 Fish Food Pantry. We are
 so very grateful for your
 Parish's kindness.

Warm Regards,
 Kathy Hamilton
 Lockport Fish Food
 Pantry



Lunch Bunch/ Bingo

Join us **Saturday,**
May 10th at 12:00pm in
 Yeomen Hall.

Please bring a favorite dish/
 dessert to share.

All are welcome!



**THANK YOU, GOD, FOR
 MY BIRTHDAY!**

Let's start the new year with a new
 kind of birthday celebration! When
 it's your special day, commemorate
 the event by gifting the church with
 a dollar for every year of life!

For example:

1 year old= \$1
 50 years old= \$50
 100 years old= \$100

No cards to buy or gifts to wrap.
 Just use a pew envelope, put your
 name on the outside and your age
 dollars on the inside. A great way to
 thank God for your birthday!



Join us right after worship
 Sunday,
 May 25th for
 Coffee Hour. If you would
 like to host a Coffee Hour
 please talk to Linda Brown
 or call the office.

Bring a friend/ neighbor.
 All are welcome!

Maundy Thursday Handwashing Service




Crosswalk 2025



First UMC regularly receives bills for miscellaneous items that are necessary in the day-to-day operation of the church. If you can help out by paying a bill, please indicate “Adopt A Bill” on the memo line of your check made out to Lockport First United Methodist and put it in the weekly collection. To contribute towards these bills (just a portion would help out) just mark your envelope with “Adopt A Bill”. Thanks for a helping hand with our expenses!

— The Finance Committee

AT&T (U-verse)* \$101.81
 *(internet & church phone)

 NICOR \$451.76
 Com Ed \$447.54

Lockport Water \$41.11

Waste Management \$184.07



We are here and honored to pray for your joys and concerns. Additionally our team prays every Wednesday at 8:00am or during our personal prayer time specifically our church community, country, and the world. Feel free to contact Carolyn Brauch at 815-836-0137 for prayer request or to learn more about joining our team. God Bless Carolyn

Prayer List—Please keep the following people in your prayers

The family of Julien Guzaldo, Roseanne Wilson, Jonathan Strong, Barbara Ott (Sheridan of Oak Brook), Betty Becker, David Matthew Huff (Beth Cross nephew has cancer), Beth, (Lynn & Paul Farr daughter), Pastor Lora, Tom Gogerty, Duane Werner, Donna (Linda Helms daughter), David Hensen, Sue Kaller, Gloria (Emmanuel’s fiancé), Holly Carter, John (Cancer), and Evelyn Lindstrom, Andrew & Patti Partain & family, and Joselyn Amaro.



- May 5th** Bob Hoffman
- May 11th** Pastor GaHyung Kim
Evelyn Moan
- May 18th** Molly Lynn Curtis
- May 19th** John George



- May 12th Doug & Mary Schehr
- May 24th David & Josefina Kaller
- May 26th Dick & Pat Burnett

Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20)

6 11

NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20)

14

RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7)

18 3

KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5)

16 5

EHLA (Genesis 30:14)

1

CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22)

7 12

MOIAN (Ruth 1:22)

10 17 13

RAAHS (Genesis 17:19)

8

AMYR (Matthew 2:11)

2

ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13)

9 15 4

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

G F F G !

13 8 14 15 4 16 10 17 3 18

Answers: Eve, Hannah, Deborah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, Naomi, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth; A mother's love is a gift from God!

CLEAN SWEEP 2025

Saturday,
~ May 17, 2025 ~
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

HELP CLEAN, SWEEP & PLANT
DOWNTOWN LOCKPORT!

Meet at the Scale House
~ 201 West 10th Street ~
South Public Landing Parking Lot



Free T-Shirts & Lunch for Volunteers
(Grilling Hot Dogs on the Plaza!)

Sign Up at: VisitLockport.com/Clean-Sweep

Don't Forget...
• Hats
• Gloves
• Sunscreen

Hosted By...



Partner With:



Please join us in helping our community.

Please wear your United Methodist t-shirts if you have one.

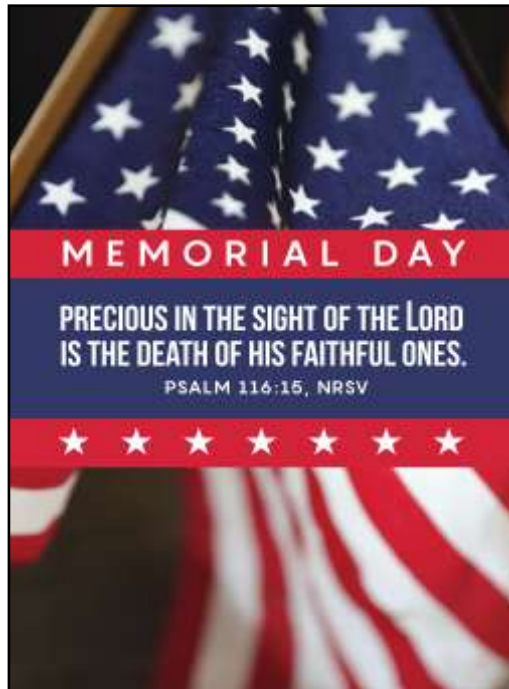


COMMUNITY FUN DAY SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Mark your calendars for our 5TH Annual Community Fun Day! This FREE event is full of fun with kid activities, giveaways and entertainment. Food trucks will be on site as well. The event will take place inside the Community Room at the Lockport Township Government Building, 1463 S. Farrell Rd in Lockport. This event will take place rain or shine! For more information, please feel free to call us at 815.838.1031

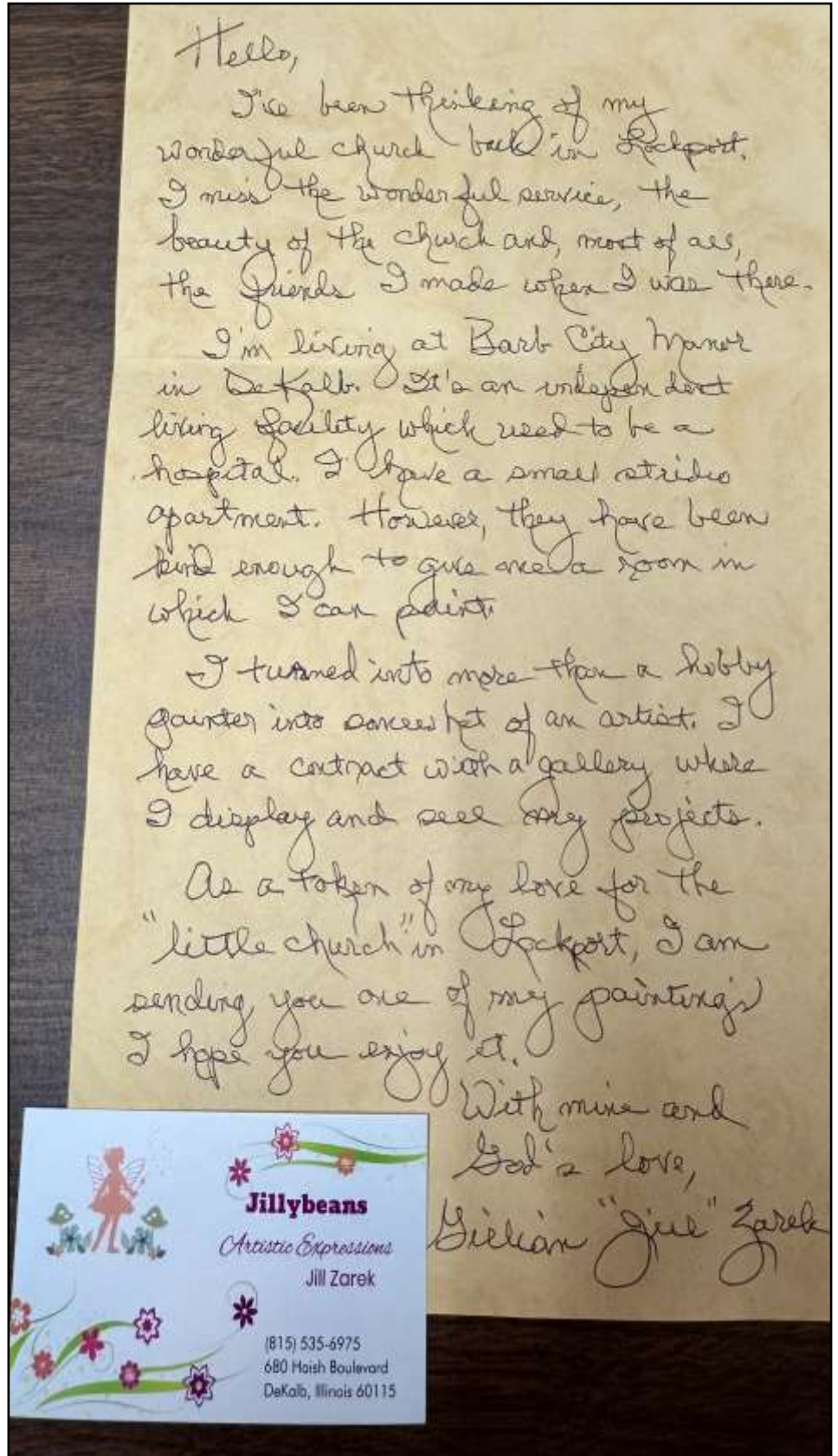


A gift from Jill Zarek:

We will be displaying this in our church.
Thank you so much Jill for the beautiful painting!



Memorial Day,
Monday, May 26th
Office Closed





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Mission Statement for First United Methodist Church of Lockport

“The church is the foundation of Christian life in accordance with the teachings of the Christ. We are people who believe that the love of God was revealed in Jesus and having accepted that love, we are committed to sharing this good news of God’s love by making disciples and teaching and nurturing them. To that end, we will:

- † provide an inclusive environment for Christian worship and learning,
- † strive to be understanding and accepting of other cultures and faiths as we work toward peace and justice for all persons,
- † nurture our children so that they will embrace the Christian life, and
- † support, with our prayers and actions, our brothers and sisters in our local and global communities.”